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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed July 5, 2005. A copy is enclosed.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

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EP 0 174 167 and EP 0 455 273 are English equivalents of JP 61-54647. English abstracts have been included for all other Japanese references.

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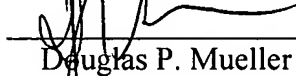
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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	0 174 167	March, 1986	EPO				
	61-58647	March, 1986	Japan				
	3-32652	February, 1991	Japan			Abstract	
	0 455 273	November, 1991	EPO				
	4-84946	March, 1992	Japan			Abstract	
	4-322642	November, 1992	Japan			Abstract	
	2001-178727	July, 2001	Japan			Abstract	
	2002-85403	March, 2002	Japan			Abstract	

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